or to provide more crude oil to the West Bengal Essential Commodities Supplies Corporation for refining.

Supply of Inferior Quality Rice to West Bengal by the Food Corporation of India

1245. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any letter has been received from the Food Minister, Government of West Bengal against the supply of inferior quality rice from the godowns of the Food Corporation of India instead of fair average quality of rice;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) if no action has been taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The circumstances under which specifications for procurement of rice had to be relaxed in Punjab and Haryana and these stocks are being supplied to the various States, including West Bengal, have already been clarified to the Food Minister as well as to the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal.

(c) Does not arise.

Provident Fund Deposits by Amrit Bazar Patrika Group, Calcutta

1246. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state whether provident fund of the employees of Amrit Bazar Patrika Group, Calcutta has been deposited by the employers for the last three years and the current year, if so, the amount deposited if the answer is in negative what steps are being taken and proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): The requisite information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Civic Amenities for Slums developed on Government Land in Bombay

1247. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some slums had developed on land owned by the Central Government in Bombay / Greater Bombay;

(b) whether the question of providing civic amenities to the people living in those arreas has been studied and whether any schemes have been drawn up in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details of those schemes, and the Central funds allocated for them during the rest of the Current Plan Period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Regularisation of Services of Muster Roll Workers

1248. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to regularise the maximum number of Muster Roll Workers and regularise their services on the site on which they are working keeping in view of the problems being faced by the officers on transfer of workers on account of regularisation of Service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no such decision has been taken so far, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) According to Government decision, eligible Muster Roll Workers of CPWD are to be regularised in the existing vacancies in the W.C. Establishment and in the Regular Transferred Category to the extent of actual requirement at various sites as per the prescribed norms. The workers will be considered for regularisation at the sites where the vacancies are available or where additional posts are created to the extent of actual requirement. Therefore, it may not be possible to regularise the workers on the sites at which they may be working at present.

राजधानी में सस्ते दर की दुकानों के माध्यम से सप्लाई किये जाने वाले चावल और गेहूं के कोटे में कमी

1249. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा:**
श्री राम जेठमलानी:

क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 15 फरवरी, 1989 के 'हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स' में प्रकाशित "डायलेमा ओवर राईस सप्लाई" शीर्षक समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली के लिए चावल के निर्धारित 25,000 मीटरी टन कोटे को घटाकर अब 20,000 मीटरी टन कर दिया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि दिल्ली प्रशासन के गेहूं के कोटे को वास्तविक आवश्यकतानुसार 75,000 मीटरी टन तक करने की मांग को सरकार द्वारा स्वीकार नहीं किया जा रहा है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सप्लाई में कमी किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री डी० एल० बैठा): (क) जी, हां। यह समाचार सरकार के ध्यान में आया है।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) और (घ) केन्द्रीय पूल में उपलब्धता, विभिन्न राज्यों की सापेक्ष आवश्यकताओं, बाजार उपलब्धता और अन्य संगत तथ्यों की दृष्टि में विभिन्न राज्यों/संघ शासित प्रदेशों के चावल और गेहूं के आवंटन के संबंध में की गई समीक्षा के फलस्वरूप, दिल्ली सहित अधिकांश राज्यों के चावल के कोटों को फरवरी, 1989 से एक-समान रूप से 20 प्रतिशत कम कर दिया गया है, जबकि सभी राज्यों के गेहूं के कोटे को 5 प्रतिशत बढ़ा दिया गया था। दिल्ली के मामले में यद्यपि चावल का कोटा 20 प्रतिशत कम कर दिया गया था अर्थात् उसे 25,000 मीटरी टन से घटाकर 20,000 मीटरी टन कर दिया गया था, लेकिन दिल्ली के लिए गेहूं का कोटा 20 प्रतिशत बढ़ा दिया गया था अर्थात् उसे 50,000 मीटरी टन से बढ़ाकर 60,000 मीटरी टन कर दिया गया था।

Procurement of Damaged Foodgrains by Government Agencies

1250. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission in its report recommended that a national policy is needed for acquiring the foodgrains damaged due to untiely rains and floods directly from the farmers for either supplying the same to the consumers or for destroying them by Government agencies,

(b) if so, whether the Commission has recommended the setting up of a high powered committee to resolve this problem;

(c) whether Government have taken any concrete steps in this regard and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?